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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:
BRUCE G. KANIA

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/418,505 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3728

FILED: OCTOBER 15, 1999 : EXAMINER: UNKNOWN

FOR: GEL AND CUSHIONING DEVICES:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

a' Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application serial No. 09/131,915, filed August 10, 1998, which is a continuation of application serial No. 08/688,954 filed on July 31, 1996, now abandoned--.

REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification claims the benefit of applicants parent and grandparent applications under 35 USC 120.

Also submitted concurrently herewith is a petition for correction of inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(a) to add Christopher T. Kelley as a joint inventor. Mr. Kelley was